S.No.	Name of the Project	Name of the Firms which DVB propose to assign the task/involve.
II. DISTRIBUTION		
5.	Project for private distribution of electricity, to begin with in Trans-Yamuna area.	M/s. ICICI have been appointed as Consultant for assisting DVB in achieving private sector participation.

(d) The gap between demand and supply of power is expected to be bridged with private sector participation in generation. The involvement of private sector in distribution is expected to reduce T&D losses & theft and improve quality of power for consumers.

Minimum Needs Programme by Rural Electrification Corporation

839.SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for selecting areas for implementation of "Minimum Needs Programme" by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC);

(b) the conditions of funding by REC to SEBs for the above programme;

(c) whether the programme is commercially viable; and

(d) the present status of the minimum needs programme after promulgation of recent Ordinance on setting up CERC/SERC?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The criteria for selecting areas for implementation of Minimum Needs Programme relating to rural electrification is as under:-

(i) All North-Eastern States and Union Territories, that is Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

(ii) All other States with less than 65% electrification level as on 31.3. 1985. In these States, districts having the least percentage of electrification are to be convered first.

(iii) All areas included in Tribal Sub-Plan.

(b) Terms and conditions of Projects under Minimum Needs Programme are as under:-

(i) Ceiling of loan outlay	Upto Rs. 250 lakhs per project
(ii) Period of loan	30 years
(iii) Rate of interest	12.5% p.a.
(iv) Viability criteria	Economic rate of return of 10%

(c) The project sanctioned under Minimum Needs Programme are required to be economically viable.

(d) There is no change.

Targets of Power Generation in Gujarat

840.SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether target for power generation in Gujarat for the year 1998-99 has been fixed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how these targets are likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Sector wise target for power generation of Gujarat State for the year 1998-99 is

1.	State Sector (GEB)	25410 MUs
2.	Private Sector	13650 MUs
3.	Central & State Corporations	11160 MUs
	Total	50220 MUs

(c) The target have been fixed after consultations with representatives of State Electricity Board and other utilities and after taking into account the past performance, maintenance schedules and other relevant factors. Going by part performance, it is